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- given the training they need before being deployed
- provided with life-saving armor and equipment
- allowed essential recuperation time between deployments.

**"We ask so much of our brave men and women in uniform, and each time they deliver,"** said Congressman Wilson. **"With this vote we deliver much-needed support to our troops and their families."**

H.R. 1591 also sets reasonable benchmarks for progress in Iraq that send a clear message-U.S. involvement in Iraq is not open-ended.

**"This week we entered our fifth year in Iraq, and there is no end in sight,"** s

aid Congressman Wilson.

**"The time for common sense and real accountability is long overdue. We must finally hold the Iraqi government responsible for progress in Iraq, not continue to send our sons and daughters overseas to police a civil war."**

In addition to supporting our troops facing deployment, H.R. 1591 also provides critical support for wounded soldiers and veterans who rely on the VA system for their health care needs. **H.R. 1591 provides \$3.4 billion for military and veterans' health care.**